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Thank You for **Being an MBA** Member

by Guy Walden **Executive Director**

Thank you for supporting your local legal community by being a member of the MBA in 2017. An organization like ours can only succeed by having a broad community of engaged

members. For the MBA, the whole is truly more valuable than the sum of its many parts. This is true whether the organization is working to inspire trust and pride in the profession, to provide members with access to services or let our members' voices be heard with respect to public policy matters. The MBA's support of charitable causes, including the Multnomah Bar Foundation (MBF) Civic Education Fund and CourtCare, depends not only on the generous financial contributions of its members, but also on the countless hours of volunteer time they contribute. On behalf of the MBA leadership The commitment and staff, we are sincerely grateful.

As MBA President Tom Sand described in last month's Multnomah Lawyer, in Portland we like to say that things are different their profession is here. The pride we have in our community extends to the local legal profession. Ours is

that Oregon attorneys show to exceptional.

a legal community that gets involved. MBA members have a right to be proud of their participation; as of this writing, hundreds of members are directly involved in a volunteer capacity with the MBA, YLS or the MBF, or have supported one of our many causes with time, money or both. The commitment that Oregon attorneys show to their profession is exceptional. It really is different here, and in order for us to maintain that culture of community, we rely on a strong membership that is involved in the organization.

As a member-led organization, the MBA does not often take positions on public policy matters unless it can represent the interests of the majority of its members. While members may have different opinions on what the legal community would like to see in a new courthouse, most members agree that we do need a new one, not just for our membership, but for the people of Multnomah County and the State of Oregon. The MBA rarely takes a position on ballot measures, but on occasion there have been proposed measures that threaten the independence of the judiciary. Membership surveys over the years have indicated that the membership overwhelmingly supports our taking a position against such efforts. Our ability to have a powerful voice, whether communicating with the state legislature, county commission or any other public body, depends on our having a critical mass of members.

The very active membership of the MBA helps to lend credibility to the profession at a time when some are questioning the impartiality of "the system," including the justice system. Through the work of the Multnomah Bar Foundation, our members are educating the public about the role of the justice system and restoring trust that has been eroded after years of local and national political infighting. In addition to educating our citizenry about civics and the role of the justice system, the MBA has also focused a great deal of effort

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on diversity, in part because trust in our justice system depends on a legal community that is representative of the community it serves.

As a full service bar organization, the MBA is also focused on making sure its members get their membership dues' worth, and as a voluntary bar the MBA does all it can to keep annual dues at a reasonable level. At \$140 annually, MBA dues are among the least expensive in the country for a voluntary bar of our size and scope. Membership dues represent approximately 50% of the MBA's budget; much of the rest comes from the CLE program and through member service and discount

programs including LawPay merchant credit card services, the MBA health plan, Naegeli Deposition and Trial and similar partnerships. We are able to keep our CLE registration fees low because approximately 1,000 members a year attend at least one CLE class. We are able to offer our members discounts on

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business services because businesses want to reach our 4,000 members.

Everything the MBA does depends on a large and engaged membership. A sincere thank you to those who have supported the organization. The MBA will continue to operate in the same way as it has for many years; with a small staff, with a balanced budget and a heavy reliance on members to inspire and implement programming and services with assistance from the staff. At the same time, we are always looking for new ideas and new faces. If you have an idea for a member service or a project that the MBA or MBF should take on, please call me at any time. If you would like to volunteer for a committee or other volunteer activity let us know; we look for volunteers in the spring but can often place them mid-year. If you want to volunteer but don't have time to serve on a committee, we are always looking for new and energetic CLE speakers and authors for newsletter articles.

The MBA serves as a model for how success happens through teamwork. I look forward to working with the MBA membership to continue our important work in 2017 and beyond.

MBA 15th Annual WinterSmash

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The MBA would like to remind those who have yet to renew their membership for 2017 to do so soon to continue to enjoy the benefits of membership.

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4 Saturday WinterSmash

10 Friday March Multnomah Lawyer deadline

11 Saturday Lewis & Clark PILP Auction

OHBA Annual Dinner

18 Saturday YLS Community Service Day

20 Monday **Presidents Day Holiday**

25 Saturday YLS Social at Children's Museum

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Oregon Filipino American Lawyers Association Launch

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10 Friday April Multnomah Lawyer deadline

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10 Monday May Multnomah Lawyer deadline

The Solo & Small Firm Committee presents

THE BUSINESS OF PRACTICING LAW

Wednesday, March 8 Workshop: 3-4pm Social hour: 4-5pm

Hotel Monaco, 506 SW Washington, Portland

While the practice of law is a profession, every law practice is also a business. Having a vision for your firm and creating a business plan tailored to that vision will provide helpful insight into your own values and priorities, and how to grow and sustain your law practice.

The MBA Solo and Small Firm Committee is pleased to present this afternoon workshop where Courtney Angeli, Andrew Altschul, both of Buchanan Angeli Altschul & Sullivan, and Chris Kayer, of Larkins Vacura Kayser, will discuss these issues and various approaches that firms have taken. You will hear about specific strategies for specific goals, what is realistic, whether a business plan is even necessary for some practices and how plans can be implemented. Following the workshop, join us for networking and socializing, light hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

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Unless otherwise noted, all classes are held at the World Trade Center, 26 SW Salmon, Portland.

Managing Risk & Reputation: The Value of Building Strong Legal and Public Affairs Partnerships

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 - 12:00-1:00 p.m. World Trade Center, Mezzanine

Members \$30/Non-Members \$50

Note: One hour of general OSB MCLE credit will be applied for.

Learn how aligning public relations strategy with legal strategy is becoming more important in this era of digital journalism, social media, public advocacy and accountability. Join **Anna Richter Taylor** of ART Public Affairs, and **Elisa Dozono** of Miller Nash Graham & Dunn for a discussion on helping organizations manage and control the public perception in crisis situations - from environmental risk, reputation damage, personnel issues or public safety threats.

For more information: Contact Cody Elliott, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn at 503.205.2465. For registration questions, contact the MBA at 503.222.3275.

Post Judgment Collections: What Can You Do When the Judgment Debtor Won't Pay?

Thursday, February 16, 2017 - 3:00-5:00 p.m. World Trade Center, Mezzanine

Members \$60/Non-Members \$95

This seminar will review post judgment collection methods available in Oregon, including execution, garnishment, supplemental proceedings (debtor examinations) and other techniques to help you collect your client's judgment. The seminar will also address the impact of bankruptcy on the collection process and will touch on proofs of claim, lien avoidance and stripping, and exemptions and related issues. The speakers will field questions related to representing the judgment creditor. Bring your problem cases!

Daniel Steinberg is a partner at Greene & Markley, P.C., and concentrates his practice in commercial litigation, creditors' rights, and bankruptcy. Margot D. Seitz is an associate at Farleigh Wada Witt and concentrates her practice in debtor-creditor and insolvency matters, business dissolutions, real estate disputes, commercial collections, and estate administration. Tim Leader is the Civil Manager aka "Chief Civil Deputy" for the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

For more information: Contact Jovanna Patrick, Hollander, Lebenbaum & Gannicott at 503.222.2408. For registration questions, contact the MBA at 503.222.3275.

Employment Law Update Wednesday, February 22, 2017 - 3:00-5:00 p.m. World Trade Center, Mezzanine

Members \$60/Non-Members \$95

Change seems to be the only constant in the labor and employment law world. The last year was marked by many new statutes, regulations, ordinances and cases that impact employees, employers and unions in the workplace. Come to this presentation to learn about the most significant of these developments. The presenters at this class will be **Dave Riewald** and **Megan Crowhurst** of Bullard Law.

For more information: Contact Liani Reeves, Bullard Law at 503.248.1134. For registration questions, contact the MBA at 503.222.3275.

Multnomah County Criminal Law Thursday, February 23, 2017 - 3:00-5:00 p.m. World Trade Center, Mezzanine

Members \$60/Non-Members \$95

Criminal practice in Multnomah County can be complex, with different types of cases having their own associated dockets, programs, resolution options, and procedural pathways. Multnomah County's chief criminal judge, **Judge Ed Jones**, has put together an outstanding panel to help practitioners learn everything they need to know about practicing in the county. The discussion will cover all types of criminal cases and will include, along with Judge Jones, sub-panels of experienced Multnomah County criminal defense practitioners discussing misdemeanor, felony, and domestic violence cases.

For more information: Contact Kevin Sali, Kevin Sali LLC at 503.329.3598. For registration questions, contact the MBA at 503.222.3275.

To register for these classes, see page 4.

Presiding Court Update

Thursday, March 2, 2017 - 3:00-5:00 p.m. World Trade Center, Auditorium

Members \$60/Non-Members \$95

In this session, Multnomah County **Presiding Judge Nan Waller**, the chief judges and court staff will present on the state of the court, review new Supplemental Local Rules, provide tips on issues unique to practicing in Multnomah County and preview the updated Attorney Reference Manual. Judge Waller will also give an update on the new courthouse, which is slated to open in 2020.

This seminar is designed for attorneys at all levels of experience and questions are strongly encouraged.

For more information: Contact Judge Kelly Skye, Multnomah County Circuit Court at 503.988.3204. For registration questions, contact the MBA at 503.222.3275.

Great Lawyer, Bad Manager: Avoiding the Most Common Mistakes Lawyers and Law Firms Make as Employers Thursday, March 9, 2017 - 3:00-5:00 p.m.

World Trade Center, Mezzanine

Members \$60/Non-Members \$95

Dan Rowan, an attorney at Bullard Law, will discuss the most common mistakes lawyers make as employers and provide practical guidance on how to avoid them. Topics will include separation agreements, use of social media, final paychecks, access to personnel files, retaliation, and over a dozen others issues that can become traps for the unwary employer. Throughout the presentation, Dan will include examples of how these issues play out in the real world to supplement concise summaries of the substantive law. The presentation will conclude with takeaways and questions as time permits. Dan will draw upon the firm's experience representing employers including representing law firms and fellow members of the bar.

For more information: Contact Liani Reeves, Bullard Law at 503.248.1134. For registration questions, contact the MBA at 503.222.3275.

Family Law Update

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 - 3:00-5:00 p.m.

World Trade Center, Auditorium

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On March 15, the MBA will hold its annual two-hour Family Law Update. Multnomah County Chief Family Court **Judge Maureen McKnight** will be joined by **Thomas Bittner** of Schulte, Anderson, Downes, Aronson & Bittner; and **Sarah Bond** of Zimmer, Bond, Fay & Overlund.

Our speakers will provide family law practitioners with information on changes, updates, and reminders regarding Multnomah County Family Court procedures and practices, as well as valuable updates on appellate case law, including the most recent spousal support cases.

For more information: Contact Terry Wright, Willamette College of Law Director of Externships at 503.375.5431. For registration questions, contact the MBA at 503.222.3275.

Filing Claims Against Contractors for Residential Construction Defects: What Lawyers Need to Know from a Plaintiff and Defense Perspective

Thursday, March 16, 2017 - 3:00-5:00 p.m.

World Trade Center, Mezzanine

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Make sure you know the requirements for both filing and defending claims against residential construction contractors and learn what it takes to build/defend your case. We are pleased to announce that **Adele Ridenour**, Ball Janik and **Martha Hodgkinson**, Hodgkinson Street Mepham will present this class.

For more information: Contact Bridget Donegan, Larkins Vacura Kayser at 503.542.3107. For registration questions, contact the MBA at 503.222.3275.

Taking Some Sticks from the Property Rights Bundle: Adverse Possession, Prescriptive Easements, and Other Real Property Encumbrances

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 - 3:00-5:00 p.m.

World Trade Center, Mezzanine

Members \$60/Non-Members \$95

Litigator Laurie Hager, a partner in Sussman Shank LLP's Real Estate and Construction practice groups, will discuss Oregon law on hidden encumbrances that may impact real property rights. This presentation will focus on the rules, historical developments, and recent case law on adverse possession and prescriptive easements. This class is a must-attend for transactional and litigation attorneys who represent developers or whose practices involve real property issues.

For more information: Contact Kristen Hilton, Sussman Shank at 503.243.1654. For registration questions, contact the MBA at 503.222.3275.

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The MBA bylaws provide for nominations for MBA and YLS Board positions from the membership at large. YLS members may self-nominate for the YLS Board, and MBA members for the MBA Board. MBA and YLS Board nominating petitions must be endorsed by the nominee and at least 10 other MBA or YLS members, respectively. Petitions must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 24. New MBA and YLS Board members will be announced at the MBA Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 16.

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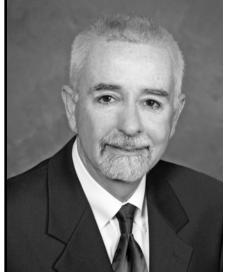
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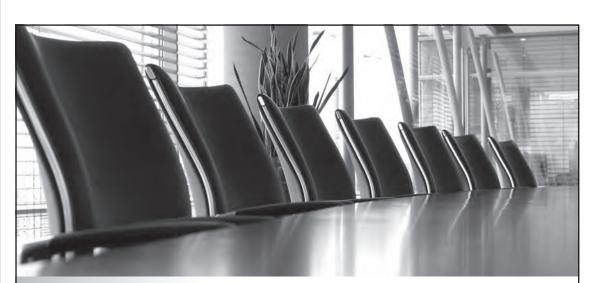
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Andrew Schpak and Ed Harnden

Barran Liebman LLP

Barran Liebman is pleased to announce that Andrew Schpak joined Ed Harnden, Managing Partner since 1998, as Co-Managing Partner of the firm. Together Ed and Andrew will continue to focus on Barran Liebman's exclusive practice areas, including management side Employment, Labor, Benefits and Higher Education law, with an emphasis on maintaining the highest level of service to our clients and community. Barran Liebman congratulates Andrew on his promotion into our firm's management, and continues to thank Ed for his leadership and mentorship.



Victoria Blachly

Samuels Yoelin Kantor LLP

Victoria Blachly, a partner with Portland law firm Samuels Yoelin Kantor LLP, has been appointed by Governor Kate Brown to the Commission on Uniform State Laws for a four-year term.

The Commission on Uniform State Laws is Oregon's branch of the Uniform Law Commission, a national nonprofit association providing states with nonpartisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law.

"It is an honor to be appointed, and I look forward to collaborating with the commissioners in Oregon and around the country who have been working so diligently to make the law easier to navigate," said Blachly.



Ken Ammann

Ken Ammann PC Ken Ammann has left Jones Ammann LLC and formed

Ken Ammann PC where he will continue to focus on his statewide mediation and arbitration practice based upon over 25 years of representing both plaintiffs and defendants in complex litigation throughout the Northwest. Ken will also continue to handle select personal injury matters. Ken can be contacted at ken@ kenammann.com; 503.364.6734.



Renée Rothauge



Adam Starr

Markowitz Herbold PC

Portland litigation firm Markowitz Herbold PC announced that Shareholder **Renée Rothauge** has been named chair of the OSB's Litigation Section for 2017.

The Litigation Section is the largest within the bar and includes criminal, civil, and specialty practice litigators among its members. Rothauge has served on the Executive Committee of the Section since 2012.

Rothauge is a trial lawyer who represents companies and individuals across the country in high-stakes, complex business disputes, including intellectual property matters.

In addition, the firm also announced that Adam Starr has become a shareholder with the firm. Starr specializes in complex business and real estate litigation. He has successfully handled shareholder disputes in closely held companies, as well as business torts, such as unfair business practices, fraud and defamation claims. Starr has particular experience representing inventors in royalty and intellectual property disputes.

His real estate practice includes construction finance, secured contracts, title insurance, guarantees, and lien priority disputes. Starr is also experienced in litigating disputes between homeowner associations and homeowners, condominium associations and condominium owners, and amongst neighbors.

Starr has extensive experience in California, Oregon and Washington State and federal courts, and in all stages of the litigation process, including trial.



Jennifer Warberg

Littler

Jennifer N. Warberg, an attorney in the Portland office of Littler, the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management, has been elevated to shareholder in the firm, effective January 1.

Warberg advises and represents clients in litigation in a broad range of employment law areas, including discrimination and harassment, wage and hour, class action defense, and whistleblowing and retaliation. She regularly handles disputes in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies. She also advises on compliance fulfillment and litigation avoidance and conducts employee and supervisory training.



Jennifer Bragar

Tomasi Salyer Martin

Jennifer M. Bragar brings her land use, environmental, real estate, and municipal law practice to a new home at Tomasi Salyer Martin. Jennifer joins the firm as an owner who will advise on complex land use and environmental permitting matters; real estate transactions; multi-agency administrative reviews; and drafting and negotiating finance documents.

Jennifer regularly represents clients in hearings and proceedings before city and county governing bodies, the Land Use Board of Appeals, and the Oregon Court of Appeals. She is committed to community service, including as a member of the Real Estate and Land Use Section of the OSB Executive Committee, Board President of Housing Land Advocates, and Board Member of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters. She comes to the firm from Garvey Schubert Barer.

Lewis Brisbois

The firm is pleased to welcome **Jason Daywitt** to its Portland office as a partner in the Products Liability and Healthcare Practices.

Jason's practice emphasizes complex litigation, including the defense of product liability, toxic tort, environmental, and professional liability claims. He is also experienced in long-term care and elder law matters.

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Ethics Focus

Making Contact: The "No Contact" Rule in the Corporate Context

by Mark J. Fucile Fucile & Reising LLP



The "no contact" rule, RPC 4.2, is simple on its face but can be difficult in application. In the litigation context, the rule generally prohibits (subject to specified exceptions) a lawyer from contacting a represented

When managing their own practices...lawyers are generally prohibited from including non-competes....

party opponent (or a represented witness) concerning the case involved. When both sides are individuals, the analysis is usually straightforward. When the parties are corporations, however, the scope of the prohibition becomes more nuanced and often focuses on the question of who falls within corporate counsel's representation for purposes of the rule.

The OSB has a very useful ethics opinion addressing this topic - Formal Opinion 2005-80. The opinion, which is available on the OSB website, is built on the legacy of its predecessor under the former Oregon "DRs," Formal Opinion 1991-80, and incorporates more contemporary analysis from the corresponding ABA Model Rule on which Oregon's rule is now patterned. Opinion 2005-80 has great practical utility because it sets out four "black letter" categories of corporate employees - two of which generally fall within corporate counsel's representation (and, therefore, may not be contacted directly) and two which generally fall outside (and, therefore, may be contacted directly). The OSB has issued a parallel opinion, 2005-152, that takes the same general approach with government agencies.

In this column, we'll look first at who is "off limits" and "fair game" under the OSB opinion. We'll then examine companion issues under the attorney-client privilege when conducting otherwise permissible interviews. Finally, we'll briefly survey the remedies available for violations of the rule in this context.

"Off Limits" and "Fair Game"

As noted, Opinion 2005-80 breaks corporate employees out into four categories and then classifies them as being inside

or outside corporate counsel's representation. Classifying a particular employee as "off limits" to direct contact under RPC 4.2 doesn't mean that they are shielded altogether from discovery. But, it does mean that they will generally have to be deposed rather than interviewed.

Current Management

Current officers, directors and at least some managers fall within corporate counsel's representation and are "off limits." Officers and directors are straightforward. Deciding which managers fall within corporate counsel's representation, however, is often a more factspecific exercise and usually turns on the particular issues involved and the degree to which the person commonly interacts with company counsel. On a related note, ABA Formal Opinion 06-443 (2006) generally classifies in-house counsel as lawyers rather than clients for purposes of the rule as long as they are working as a lawyer for the organization concerned.

Current Employees Whose Conduct is at Issue

Current employees whose conduct is at issue are treated as falling within corporate counsel's representation. The rationale is that because the opponent is attempting to hold the corporation liable for the acts of the employee, the employee should fall within corporate counsel's representation.

Current Employees Who Are Simply Fact Witnesses

Current employees who are simply fact witnesses may generally be contacted directly - as long as they are not otherwise represented by their own lawyers.

Former Employees

Former employees of all stripes may generally be contacted directly - again as long as they are not otherwise represented by their own lawyers.

The Attorney-Client Privilege

Assuming that a particular employee is "fair game" for direct contact, Opinion 2005-80 counsels (at 3) that a contacting lawyer cannot "use any conversations with Current Employee or Former Employee to invade Corporate . . . [organization's] . . . lawyer-client privilege." Similarly, the opinion also counsels (also at 3) that a contacting lawyer "may not ask or permit Current Employee or Former Employee to disclose to ... [the contacting] Lawyer any communications that Current Employee or Former Employee had with . . . [organization's] Lawyer pertaining to the matter in litigation."

The rationale advanced in the opinion is twofold. As to current employees, Opinion 2005-80 notes that all employees - not just management - can have privileged conversations with company counsel under OEC 503. As to former employees, Opinion 2005-80 reasons that communications with company counsel by a former employee

concerning the employee's work for the company are generally privileged under applicable decisional law. Brown v. State of Or., Dept. of Corrections, 173 FRD 265, 269 (D Or 1997), and Union Pacific R. Co. v. Mower, 219 F3d 1069, 1072 n.2 (9th Cir 2000), are examples of the latter.

An agreement restricting the right of lawyers to practice after leaving a firm not only limits their professional autonomy but also limits the freedom of clients to choose a lawyer.

Remedies

Violations of the "no contact" rule are, of course, grounds for regulatory discipline (see, e.g., In re Knappenberger, 338 Or 341, 108 P3d 1161 (2005)). Regulatory discipline, however, is not the exclusive remedy and violations of the rule are also potentially subject to a variety of court-imposed sanctions depending on the circumstances. In Bell v. Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, 122 Fed Appx 880, 882 (9th Cir 2004), for example, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the trial court's exclusion of a declaration obtained in violation of the rule. Similarly, in In re Feldmeier, 335 BR 807, 809-15 (Bankry D Or 2005), a law firm was sanctioned monetarily for direct contact. Finally, where a prohibited contact also involves an improper invasion of an opponent's privilege, disqualification is a possible remedy if there is no other practical way to protect the confidential information involved (see generally In re Korea Shipping Corp., 621 F Supp 164, 169-71 (D Alaska 1985) (surveying remedies)).





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Tips From the Bench

Filing Documents Under Seal

by Judge Stephen K. Bushong Multnomah County Circuit Court

"Oooh baby, here I am, Signed, sealed, delivered, I'm yours"

When Stevie Wonder wrote and recorded those words, he might not have been referring to filing court documents under seal. It was relatively easy in 1970 to sign and deliver documents to the court. With Efiling, that part is still easy. The difficulty arises with the "sealed" part. Here are some tips to help make that a little bit easier.

The "Open Courts" Clause of the Oregon Constitution

Article I, section 10, of the Oregon Constitution provides in part: "No court shall be secret, but justice shall be administered, openly and without purchase, completely and without delay[.]" The Oregon Supreme Court has indicated that, in adopting this original provision of the Oregon Constitution, the framers "sought to require the courts to conduct the business of administering justice in public that is, in a manner that permits public scrutiny of the court's work in determining legal controversies." Doe v. Corp. of Presiding Bishop, 352 Or 77, 90 (2012). The Supreme Court has also indicated that, "although Article I, section 10, is written in broad terms, it does not apply to all aspects of court proceedings." State v. MacBale, 353 Or 789, 806 (2013). The provision "generally prohibits a judicial proceeding from being 'secret' (closed to the public) if, in that judicial proceeding, 'justice' is 'administered." Id. In addition, the Court has stated that the public's right to review and copy exhibits received in evidence at trial "is not absolute but is subject to the discretion of the trial judge." Doe, 352 Or at 98, quoting State ex rel KOIN-TV v. Olsen, 300 Or 392, 406 (1985).

So here's the first tip: don't forget that the court cannot just automatically file something under seal simply because the parties have stipulated that they would like to file it under seal and shield it from public scrutiny. Instead, remember that the court must comply with Article I, section 10, of the Oregon Constitution.

Uniform Trial Court Rule 5.160

Under UTCR 5.160, a party seeking an order to file documents under seal must file a motion specifying three things: (1) the statutory authority for sealing the documents; (2) the reasons for protecting the documents from public inspection; and (3) a description of the documents sought to be sealed. The judge hearing the motion has discretion to require the moving party to submit the documents to the court for in camera review. The court



has three options in addressing a motion to file documents under seal. The court can issue an order directing the clerk to (1) file the documents in the court file unsealed; (2) file the documents under seal; or (3) return the documents, unfiled, to the moving party. The rule also explains the process for filing documents under seal when authorized by the court. UTCR 5.160(4).

Here are the next tips: a party seeking to file documents under seal should specify in the motion the three things required by UTCR 5.160. The party should also offer to make the documents available to the court for in camera review. The party should specify in the first paragraph of the motion whether it wants the court to order the clerk to return the documents unfiled or order the clerk to file the documents unsealed if the court declines to order the clerk to file the documents under seal. If the court approves filing a document under seal, attach the court order to the document you want to be filed under seal. If only part of a document is confidential, redact the confidential part, file the redacted document (not under seal), and ask the court to approve filing the redacted part under seal.

Supplemental Local Rule 5.165

New SLR 5.165 (effective February 1), addresses an issue that frequently arises in civil litigation: stipulated protective orders seeking to preserve the confidentiality of documents that one or more parties deem to be "confidential." Litigants may agree among themselves that "confidential" documents will be used only for purposes of the litigation and will not be publicly disseminated. The courts generally will enforce those agreements. However, that does not mean that the courts will automatically file under seal documents that the parties designate as "confidential." Parties should not submit a stipulated protective order that requires them to file documents designated as "confidential" under seal because the court will not do that based solely on the parties' agreement.

SLR 5.165 states that the court will not sign a stipulated protective order that appears to require the court to file under seal documents that the parties have designated as "confidential." That has been the practice in Multnomah County Circuit Court for many years, though that practice was not clearly



News from the Courthouse

by Mary Tollefson Court Liaison Committee

Presiding Judge's Report and Courthouse Update - Judge Nan Waller

Courthouse

Good progress is being made on the design of the new courthouse. The participation of lawyers in providing input on the design of courtrooms last summer when the Project Team built a mock-up of a courtroom was very helpful. Input from lawyers will again be sought on the acoustical material that is being considered for the walls of the courtrooms, including whether the acoustical material will be potentially distracting. When the material has been installed in one of the East County Courthouse courtrooms, an invitation will be sent out through the MBA for lawyers to visit the courthouse to provide input.

A hearing was recently held before the Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) on the design of the outside of the building. The HLC voted to recommend approval of the design which is an important step forward. In the upcoming legislative session the push will be to obtain approval for the remaining state bond funding for the courthouse, as well as a portion of the funding needed for furniture and technology. The court will be looking to lawyers for help securing the funding.

Using Interpreters

A reminder that the use of interpreters is to be set up by the attorney by calling Court Language Access Services at 503.986.5540.

Listening Session

A third listening session scheduled to be held in Gresham on January 12 was postponed due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled. The purpose of the listening sessions is to give members of the community the opportunity to share their experiences in the justice system. The court will compile the information provided at the three sessions and will then organize "talking" sessions for the public to respond to concerns and issues heard in the three listening sessions. It is clear from the first two listening sessions that there is a need and desire of the public to have more information about how the justice system works.

Chief Family Court Judge's Report - Judge Maureen McKnight

Family Court is busy. Judges are trying to ascertain where judicial resources are best spent. Family law filings are not down and the court is often seeing the same litigants over and over through enforcement and modification proceedings. Stalking and protective order case filings are increasing in Multnomah County, but they are not increasing at the same rate on the statewide level. They are compiling and looking at data through Odyssey, but it will take several months to review the data.

There are high rates of selfrepresentation in family law cases. The latest data shows that somewhere around 85 percent of family law cases in Oregon have at least one party that is selfrepresented, which complicates the cases. The rates of selfrepresentation in family law cases have been staying the same, but they have been going up in civil cases. Self-representation creates problems with judgments being rejected because the litigant doesn't understand how to properly fill out the forms.

Family law court is held at the East County Courthouse every Monday afternoon and all day Wednesday. Ex parte hearings are also held there three times per week. Each family law judge goes there five to six times per year. There's also a school attendance docket at the East County Courthouse once a month, which uses a problem-solving approach.

Judge McKnight has an email listserv with about 250 attorneys on it and she sends out updates regarding family law issues about every six weeks. There is also an email address where attorneys can report cases settled instead of showing up to trial assignment.

The court worked with the MBA and St. Andrew Legal Clinic to set up a program for judgment repair following rejection.

They are also hoping to create a judgment preparation clinic with volunteer attorneys to help self-represented litigants fill out their judgments.

A group of experienced attorneys has agreed to volunteer as pro tem judges to conduct judicial settlement conferences in order to provide an alternative to trial. It is anticipated that this program will begin in March or April.

The court was awarded a federal grant to work on custody and decision-making in domestic violence cases. The goals of the grant are to create educational opportunities for the public, to implement the principles of procedural justice and to improve access for self-represented litigants. These goals are being implemented by creating educational videos and trainings for the public as well as judges and court staff. Last year the court conducted a survey to provide a baseline measure of whether courthouse users understand proceedings and believe that they have been treated with respect. The survey will be repeated this spring to measure the impact of the improvement efforts. The court will also give the public an opportunity to provide ongoing feedback by having comment cards available.

stated in the court's supplemental local rules, until now. SLR 5.165 specifies the wording that parties should include in their stipulated protective order to address filing documents designated as "confidential" under seal.

Here are the final tips: be sure to include the words specified in SLR 5.165 in your stipulated protective order. Do not submit a protective order that requires the court to automatically accept for filing under seal any documents that the parties have designated as "confidential." If you do, the court will not sign it, even though the parties have stipulated.

In the song, Stevie Wonder sings: "I've done a lot of foolish things." Don't follow his example. Complying with Article I, section 10, UTCR 5.160, and SLR 5.165 will make it almost as easy to "seal" as it is to sign and deliver.

Endnote. Stevie Wonder recorded "Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours" for Motown's Tamla label in 1970. The song has been covered by many artists, including former Humble Pie guitarist Peter Frampton, who included his version on the 1977 album *I'm in You*.

MBF Announces Officers, **Directors**

by Pamela Hubbs Office and Foundation Administrator

The Multnomah Bar Foundation is pleased to announce its new slate of officers and directors for 2017.



Dana S. Scheele, Cambia Health Solutions, President, on the year ahead: "In this post-election world, it's more important than ever that individuals are engaged in learning how government works and the political process. I am honored to be part of a board which devotes a significant amount of time focusing on nonprofits in the Portland metro area who educate, engage and inspire diverse groups of individuals to be active in our system of government. We focus fundraising efforts on CourtCare in the spring and the Civic Engagement Fund in the fall, two fundraising arms which lawyers should care about and support."



I. Matthew Donohue. Markowitz Herbold PC, is Vice President. When asked about his service on the MBF Board, Matt said, "I am thrilled to continue working with the MBF Board and MBA staff on our mission to promote civic education. I can't think of a better time in our recent history to promote understanding and raise awareness and understanding of our civil process. The MBF will continue to fund nonprofit organizations that directly serve and educate our community on these important issues."

Nicholas A. Kampars, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Secretary Treasurer, about the work of the foundation: "Civic engagement is critical to our democracy and we, as lawyers, play an important role in advancing the cause. We're lucky to have so many organizations with this mission in our community, and I am proud that the MBF supports their efforts."

Amy L. Angel, Barran Liebman LLP, Immediate Past President, speaking about

> the significance of the MBF: "An informed and engaged citizenry is the bedrock of our legal system. Through our key programs the Civic Education Fund and CourtCare - the MBF promotes civic engagement and understanding of the rule of law, and supports the improvement of the administration of the legal system. I'm honored to help lead

an organization with such a valuable mission."



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The Honorable Leslie Bottomly Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge

by Caroline Harris Crowne Court Liaison Committee

As one of our newest judges in Multnomah County, Leslie Bottomly, appointed in March 2016, has spent the past several months moving from courtroom to courtroom while handling the full spectrum of cases presented in the court hearing motions to suppress in a criminal case on her first day on the bench; presiding over civil jury trials involving medical malpractice, product liability, personal injury, and landlordtenant matters; conducting criminal arraignments; holding evidentiary hearings on injunctive motions; and spending a couple of months on criminal misdemeanor trial rotation. It has been quite a change for this long-time civil lawyer, who spent most of her career advising clients on employment and healthcare matters. But one thing remains the same: Judge Bottomly enjoys learning about the people and businesses in our community, hearing their stories, and helping them resolve their legal issues so they can move on with their lives. That is in large part why she became a judge.

Judge Bottomly is a lifelong Oregonian. She grew up in Northwest Portland, next door to former mayor Bud Clark. She left the state for college, graduating with a psychology degree from Stanford in 1985, and then came back to attend law school at Lewis & Clark, graduating in 1990.

After law school, Bottomly joined the Ater Wynne firm as an associate. During her first year, she witnessed Janice Wilson, then a partner at the firm, try in the Multnomah County courthouse

the first disability rights case under Oregon state law. Soon after, Wilson was appointed to the bench, and Bottomly began focusing her practice on employment law, which was a growing field as a result of a wave of new legislation. Bottomly was made a partner in the firm in 1999 and continued to practice there until her recent judicial appointment. In addition to her work advising clients, she served from time to time as a mediator and arbitrator, which led to her interest in service as a judge. She also credits the Ater Wynne firm with fostering a culture of public service and intellectual engagement with the law, which contributed to her interest in judicial service.

The most challenging aspect of Judge Bottomly's new role has been dealing with pro se parties. Since taking the bench, she has presided over a civil jury trial with a pro se plaintiff who did an admirable job learning the basic process and participating effectively. But often she sees pro se parties at risk of losing their cases because they don't know the procedural and evidentiary rules. She has to do her best to provide a fair process without giving advice to either side.

Since becoming a judge,
Bottomly has gained new
appreciation for the high level
of collegiality among criminal
practitioners, which she
attributes to the fact that they see
each other virtually every day
in the courthouse and try many
cases together. She has been
tempted to order the civil lawyers
on some cases to go out for
coffee together when they are not



Judge Leslie Bottomly

getting along. She recommends that civil lawyers try to attend bar functions on a regular basis, take cases on both the plaintiff side and the defense side if they can, and last but not least, invite opposing counsel out for coffee before the case heats up.

Bottomly also encourages civil lawyers who are seeking trial experience to take advantage of the jury trial experience program through the district attorney and public defender offices, or spend a year working in criminal prosecution or defense. She participated in the DA-for-a-Day program when she was building her skills as a lawyer. As she describes it, taking on a highvolume misdemeanor docket challenges civil lawyers, who may be great at meticulous preparation, to think on their feet, roll with the punches, and deal with surprises from witnesses. And at the end of the day, they gain the confidence that they can try a case from start

When Judge Bottomly is not on the bench or studying up on the law in preparation for a hearing or trial, she leads a very active life. You may see her on her bike commuting from her neighborhood in Northeast Portland, playing in a regular weekend soccer game with her teenage son, visiting her daughter at the University of Oregon, surfing at the coast, or sailing on the Columbia River.



Jennifer Wagner

New directors are **Sarah** H. Bond, Zimmer Family Law; Julie R. Vacura, Larkins Vacura Kayser LLP, and Jennifer **A. Wagner**, Stoll Berne PC. Continuing directors are Hon. Cheryl A. Albrecht, Multnomah County Circuit Court; Tyler E. Anderson, Oregon Department of Justice; Holly L. Johnston, Lee & Hayes PLLC; Susan D. Marmaduke, Harrang Long Gary Rudnick PC; Mary Jo N. Miller, Stoel Rives LLP; and Timothy J. Resch, Samuels Yoelin Kantor LLP. W. Todd Cleek, Cleek Law Office LLC, is the current MBA Board Liaison.

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Email Matea Shosho at matea90@ gmail.com to reserve your spot.

Kevin Stokes YLS Member Spotlight

by Mary Tollefson YLS President-Elect

Although this winter seems particularly cold to those native to the Pacific Northwest, it is nothing compared to the bitter Midwest winters that Kevin Stokes became accustomed to. Kevin was born in Pennsylvania and grew up in Ohio.

Kevin attended the University of Findlay in Ohio for his undergraduate education with a major in accounting and economics. He went to work for the Ohio Department of Taxation, and obtained his Certified Public Accountant license while working there. Kevin went on to perform internal auditing for the State of Ohio. While working as an auditor, Kevin was accepted to law school at Michigan State University.

When Kevin started law school, he had no intention of actually practicing law. He enjoyed his work as an accountant and auditor, but realized he would eventually tire of it and it was not a good long term fit for him. Kevin entered law school with a desire to gain an appreciation and understanding of the legal aspects of business transactions so he could consult with and

advise businesses on their financial affairs. During law school, Kevin became interested in the idea of practicing law and decided to take the bar exam.

Kevin wanted to move to the West Coast to escape the cold winters he had experienced in the Midwest and explore new areas of the country. His fiancée, Gabrielle, who is also native to the Midwest, agreed. Gabrielle did not want to move to California, and Kevin did not want to move to Washington, so they compromised on Oregon as their new home and have not regretted it since.

Currently, Kevin is clerking for Judge Henry Breithaupt of the Oregon Tax Court. He enjoys the work because everything he sees is new to him. His long-term goal is to become an appellate attorney, but is keeping an open mind as to what his next step will be.

Kevin is currently a member of the YLS Service to the Public (STP) Committee. His first contact with the STP Committee was in March 2016, when he volunteered to help pull weeds and clean up Forest Park at a lawyer volunteer event sponsored by the STP



Kevin Stokes

Committee. Kevin had a great time helping out and applied to join the STP Committee. He has since gone on to set up another volunteer day at Forest Park and is working to plan the committee's annual YOUthFILM Project. Kevin has enjoyed meeting other new attorneys on the committee and working on various tasks with them.

In his spare time, Kevin enjoys being outside and exploring with his dog. Since coming to Oregon, he has gone hiking and camping on the coast, the high desert, and the Columbia River Gorge. He also enjoys rock climbing and mountaineering, and he recently purchased some snowshoes that he is anxious to try out. When not exploring the outdoors, Kevin and Gabrielle enjoy attending symphony and ballet performances.

St. Andrew Legal Clinic Pro Bono Spotlight

by Meagan Robbins YLS Pro Bono Committee

Representing one's self in court, even with a law degree, is a daunting task. Divorce, custody, and restraining order cases are no exception. Somewhere between 67 and 86 percent of family law cases in Oregon involve at least one party who is self-represented. Many attorneys shy away from domestic relations or family law and view this as a messy, sordid area of law. Sometimes it can be; however, I can attest to the fact that representing a family law client on a pro bono basis is a mendous way to pay forward the legal education and careers we're fortunate to have.

One of the best kept secrets in Oregon is the myriad opportunities for pro bono and volunteer service with St. Andrew Legal Clinic (SALC). SALC is an organization near and dear to my heart, as I got my family law feet wet while doing an externship at the clinic during law school at Lewis & Clark. SALC provides low-cost domestic relations legal services to low and modest means clients. Because they take low retainers and adjust fees on a sliding scale, SALC relies on fundraising efforts and pro bono service from attorneys to serve a high number of clients each year.

Shelly Matthys recently retired from her position as Executive Director at SALC. Prior to taking

the position she had been a staff attorney and managing attorney. Her retirement and entry into a solo practice rounded out her 18 years with the clinic. Shelly shared with me the very best ways attorneys, new and old, and even law students can give back through the clinic. Whether you're looking for an ongoing gig or want to provide one-time service, SALC would appreciate your professional expertise and energy.

The most consistent need for volunteers, and a great opportunity for new lawyer is SALC's Night Clinic. Night Clinic is an intake process, during which each potential client sits with a volunteer attorney for 30 minutes to give basic facts and information, then receives a quote for a retainer and hourly rate. The clinic is a great way for lawyers to meet and get to know other lawyers, and to provide discreet, limited family law services. It's also a good opportunity for those considering practicing family law to test the waters, and for those whose practices don't directly impact people but who want to provide that service.

The clinic buys dinner for the attorneys to enjoy together at 6pm, and then the doors open for clients 30 minutes later. No family law experience is required, and a staff attorney is always on site to assist as needed. The Multnomah County office holds Night Clinic every Wednesday and alternating Tuesday evenings, and the Washington County office holds theirs every Wednesday night. Presently, there is a significant need for attorneys to assist in the Washington County office.

SALC's two main fundraisers are the Race for Justice, a 5k run and walk, and the Taste for Justice, a dinner and wine auction. Both are fun opportunities for lawyers and non-lawyers to volunteer in a non-legal capacity. However, all efforts support the clinic and allow it to continue providing low cost services. Newer attorneys are welcome to bring their enthusiasm to the race or auction planning committee, or to volunteer the day of the event.

One pro bono opportunity has Matthys and incoming Executive Director Kevin McHargue very excited. Retired bar members are dedicating their time, efforts and expertise (and not necessarily in family law) to represent clients pro bono through the clinic. Retired bar members are able to obtain PLF coverage through the clinic and continue to take on cases through SALC. For instance, Jack Lundeen, well-known in the family law community for his great work as a lawyer, volunteer, mentor and pro tem judge, handled 30 pro bono cases in 2015. Another experienced attorney, Mike Harvey, practiced business law as in-house counsel for a chemical company before retiring in Enterprise, Oregon.

By volunteering his services to the clinic, he has represented approximately 15 SALC clients in Wallowa County. While new lawyers can only dream of doing this in retirement, near-retirees can start planning on how to give back in retirement.

As I write this article, I'm looking at a foot of snow in my yard and wishing my kids could go back to school. We're going on day five of the Great 2017 Snowpocalypse, which will hopefully be but a distant memory when you read this. McHargue was proud to tell me how dedicated their Night Clinic

volunteers were on the night of January 11, when the snow started to fall (and stick). Three volunteers showed up and stuck it out, and all of their clients were served. He's grateful to be joining an organization with a dedicated volunteer base, and is proud SALC offers pro bono opportunities for attorneys in various stages and places in their lives and legal practices.

To get involved with SALC, please contact the Multnomah County office at 503.281.1500 or the Washington County office at 503.648.1600.

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Portland Children's Museum 4015 SW Canyon Rd., Portland Saturday, February 25 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The YLS Membership Committee reserved the Portland Children's Museum for this private networking event from 5:30-7:30pm. Families will have free reign to explore the museum and complimentary refreshments will be provided for kids and adults. Admission is free for MBA and YLS members and their families.

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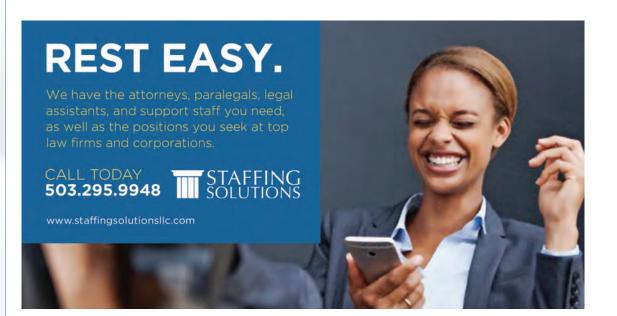


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The Corner Office PROFESSIONALISM

More and more civil cases are being filed by persons representing themselves. One of those complaints came into our office, so I assigned it to Eager Beaver, the new associate.

Eager had a host of strategies he described for me: He would rely on the plaintiff's ignorance of the law and overwhelm her with a multipronged attack. He would issue an extensive request for production of documents, and when the plaintiff inevitably failed to produce what had been requested, a motion to compel would be granted and followed up with a motion to dismiss the case when the documents still weren't produced. Meanwhile, he would file a motion to dismiss based on a 20-page memorandum, and alternative motions to make definite and certain, to burden the plaintiff and reveal her lack of legal acumen.

And, he'd depose the plaintiff for a few days, to show her that he was a tough S.O.B. and he would resist her efforts to depose anyone because no valid claim had been alleged.

My response: this is a stupid strategy, and contrary to our professional obligation to solve problems, not create them.

A pro se litigant should be treated with courtesy, fairness, and respect. Beyond that, we should err on the side of educating the pro se litigant on the expectations that the court will have. Provide her with links to things like the Uniform Trial Court Rules and Supplementary Local Rules (or in federal court, the Local Rules). Let her know the due date of whatever she must serve on us. Explain the consequences if she does not meet the deadlines. And when it comes to things like motion practice and the scope of discovery, use the same approach that you would if the litigant was represented by an attorney.

That way, she'll learn to trust you, and might even be persuaded to enter into a reasonable settlement. More importantly, our judges constantly struggle with how to provide justice to pro se litigants, who more often than not simply

cannot afford a lawyer and make innocent mistakes in procedure that clog and delay the system. Helping these cases through the system in a fair way will be appreciated by the court.

By the way, I told Beaver, "I learned this the hard way, when I tried to bully a woman representing herself early in my career. She had more stamina than I expected, and won the trial."

The Corner Office is a recurring feature of the Multnomah Lawyer and is intended to promote the discussion of professionalism taking place among lawyers in our community and elsewhere. While The Corner Office cannot promise to answer every question submitted, its intent is to respond to questions that raise interesting professionalism concerns and issues. Please send your questions to mba@mbabar.org and indicate that you would like The Corner Office to answer your question. Questions may be submitted anonymously.

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The Business of Practicing Law

by Drew Baumchen and Julie Vacura MBA Solo and Small Firm Committee

While the practice of law is a profession, every law practice is also a business. Having a vision for your firm and creating a business plan tailored to that vision will provide helpful insight into your own values and priorities, and how to grow and sustain your law practice.

Think of developing a vision for your practice as setting the goal and the business plan as the roadmap to get there. For instance, do you aspire to build a medium sized firm with a large client base, or is your goal to stay solo or small and focus on a few particular types of cases or clients? Setting goals for your practice is a great way to reflect

on what is most important to you as an attorney, and developing a business plan around those goals will help you think realistically about how to make your aspirations come true.

Spending time up front on a vision and developing a plan to make that vision a reality will save you time, money and mistakes down the road. For example, if your goal is to continue in your practice area but increase your income by 50 percent, how will you do that? And, if you increase your income as a result of more work, will you need an associate or partner? Have you thought about whether your practice would benefit from

marketing? Thinking about your firm's practice and marketing needs, and incorporating a marketing strategy into your business plan can help ensure the flow of legal work that your practice needs to thrive.

The MBA Solo and Small Firm Committee will be presenting an afternoon workshop on March 8 where Courtney Angeli, Andrew Altschul, both of Buchanan Angeli Altschul & Sullivan, and Chris Kayer, of Larkins Vacura Kayser, will discuss these issues and various approaches that firms have taken. You will hear about specific strategies for specific goals, what is realistic, whether a business plan is even necessary for some practices and how plans can be implemented. Following the workshop, the committee will host a social hour with drinks and light hors d'oeuvres. To register, visit www.mbabar.org.



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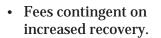
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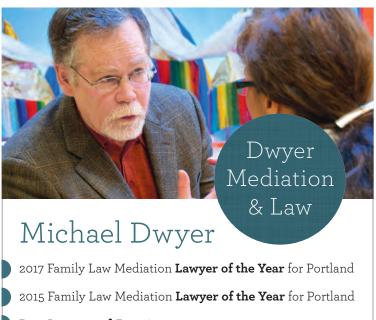


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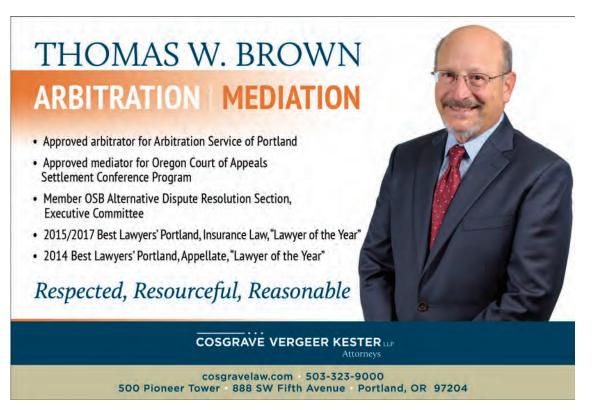
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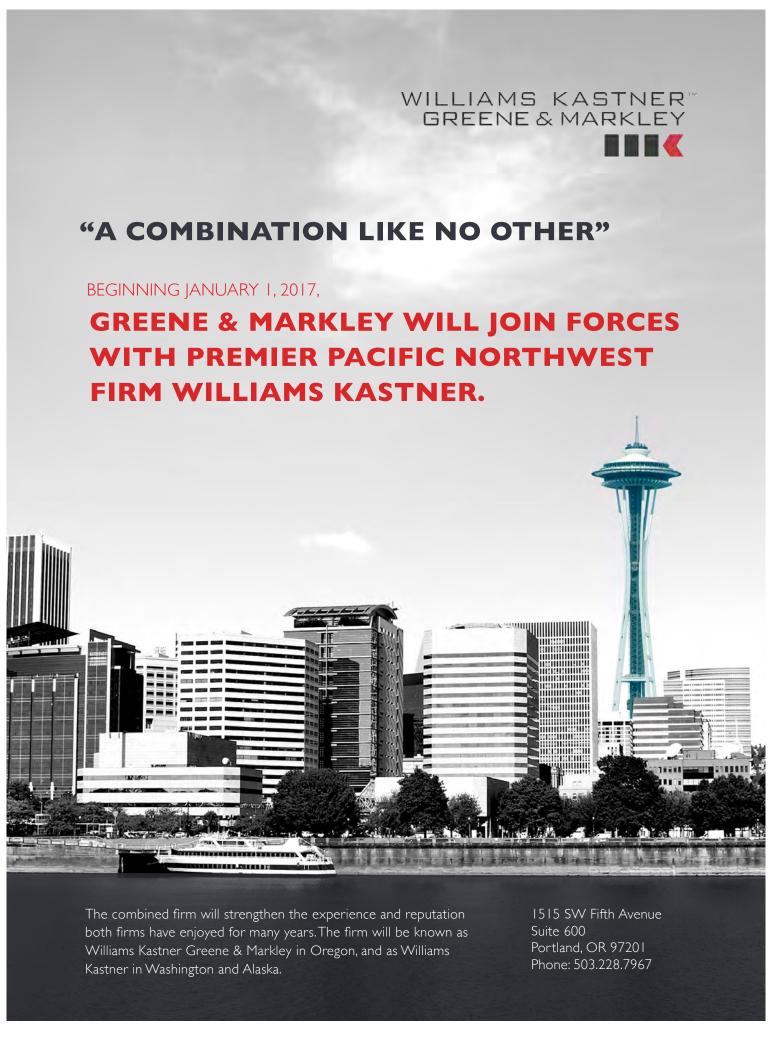
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